

COLOR SELECTION METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to a color selection method,
5 which includes the steps of selecting colors in accordance with
identification criteria supplied, for example, by a vehicle manufacturer;
displaying the colors in the form of color reference chips on the screen
of a display unit attached to a computer; selecting a desired color chip
from the color reference chips on the screen; accessing and displaying
10 color formulas; and then finally selecting a desired color formula that
lists all the ingredients needed to prepare a coating composition, such
as automotive refinish paint or architectural paint, from the color
formulas displayed on the screen. The technician can then mix the
ingredients, such as tints, in the proportions provided in the desired
15 color formula to make the coating composition. If desired, the method
further includes sending the desired color formula to a weighing scale
or a tint dispenser attached to the computer so that the ingredients
listed in the desired formula can be weighed or dispensed
automatically.